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SUBJECT: 1975 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE'S SECOND

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QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF 1975 MEAT IMPORTS SUBJECT TO 1964

LAW: SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL L. BUTZ TODAY ESTIMATED 1975 IMPORTS OF MEAT SUBJECT TO THE MEAT IMPORT LAW (P.L. 88-482) AT 1,180 MILLION POUNDS. THIS SECOND QUARTERLY ESTIMATE IS 30 MILLION POUNDS HIGHER THAN THE ESTIMATE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 31 BUT BELOW THE QUANTITY THAT WOULD TRIGGER IMPOSITION OF IMPORT QUOTAS UNDER THE LAW.

PUBLIC LAW 88-482, ENACTED IN AUGUST 1964, PROVIDES THAT IF YEARLY IMPORTS OF CERTAIN MEATS -- PRIMARILY FROZEN BEEF -- ARE ESTIMATED TO EQUAL OR EXCEED 110 PERCENT OF AN ADJUSTED BASE QUANTITY, QUOTAS ARE TO BE IMPOSED ON THE IMPORTS OF THESE MEATS. THE ADJUSTED BASE QUANTITY FOR 1975 IS 1,074.3 MILLION POUNDS. THE AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED IMPORTS WHICH WOULD TRIGGER IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS IN 1975 IS 1,181.7 MILLION POUNDS.

IMPORTS OF MEAT SUBJECT TO THE MEAT IMPORT LAW HAVE INCREASED IN RECENT MONTHS, TOTALING 233 MILLION POUNDS FOR THE FIRST 2 MONTHS OF 1975. THIS WAS 32.6 MILLION POUNDS HIGHER THAN IMPORTS DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST

YEAR. IN ANNOUNCING TODAY'S ESTIMATE SECRETARY BUTZ SAID, "THE SECOND ESTIMATE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH IS NEGOTIATING VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH SUPPLYING COUNTRIES. THESE AGREEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SHORTLY. WITHOUT THE INFORMATION FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, TODAY'S ESTIMATE WOULD HAVE EXCEEDED THE TRIGGER LEVEL FOR IMPOSITION OF IMPORT QUOTAS."

2. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE RELEASED HERE AT 3:00 P.M. EST MONDAY, MARCH 31. POSTS MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS BUT SHOULD URGE THAT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE PRIOR TO RELEASE HERE. KISSINGER

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